Commemorative Stamp on Dr. N.S. Hardikar

1941. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by Government for issuing a commemorative stamp on Dr. N.S. Hardikar, a veteran freedom fighter; and

(b) if no, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee, which advises the Government regarding issue of special commemorative stamps and other related matters, for consideration at its meeting held recently but could not figure among those recommended by the Committee. No further action is therefore proposed in the matter.

Delivery of Postal Articles in Villages and Remote Areas

1942. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether money orders, parcels and letters are delivered in some villages at an interval of a forthnight;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to make quick delivery of these postal services in the villages in remote areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Probing the DESU Scandal

1943. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 15th February, 1989 captioned 'DESU scandal being probed'; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a Committee comprising of Members of Parliament to enquire into the working of DESU and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the allegations are being investigated by the Vigilance Department of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, there is not proposal to appoint a Committee comprising Members of Parliament for this purpose.

Nylon 6 / Nylon 66 Plant in Goa

1944. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Goa is setting up a joint sector project to manufacture Nylon 6 / Nylon 66 industrial yarn / tyre cord in technical and financial collaboration with a multi-national company;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project is not a high-tech one since the plant and machinery involved are about 20 years old and are being shifted from the United States;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this plant will adversely affect the domestic nylon industry; and

(d) what action the Central Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) A letter of intent has been issued to M/s Economic Development Corporation of Goa, Daman & Diu Ltd. (EDC) for establishment of a new undertaking for manufacture of Nylon -6/ Nylon-66. The project is being set up in assisted sector. Proposals for foreign collaboration, both technical and financial, as well as for import of capital goods, including a second-hand plant mainly for manufacture of Nylon-66, have been submitted and the same will be considered on merits in accordance with the prevailing policy.

Postman-Population Ratio

1945. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present postman population ratio in the country;

(b) whether this ratio is maintained in Vempalle Village of Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The ratio of Postman to population in the country is 1:1343.

(b) No, Sir. The ratio of postman to population in Vempalle Village of Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh is 1:13,568.

(c) There is no fixed ratio of postmen to population applicable for all places. The posts of postmen are sanctioned on the basis of traffic handled and uniformity in postman-population ratio is not maintained in all places over the country.

Investment in Petrochemical Plants

1946. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared plans to invest Rs. 450/- crore in petrochemical units during the year 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the main features on which this amount will be utilised and to what extent the production will be improved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) An investment of around Rs. 400 crores on Central Public Sector Petrochemical projects is envisaged in 1989-90. With the implementation of these projects, the domestic availability of some important petrochemical products *e.g.* polymers, MEG, caprolactam, xylenes will be about doubled.

आबद्ध विद्युत संयंत्र

1947. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री पृथ्वी माझी:

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री 24 अगस्त, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 3387 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने निजी औद्योगिक एककों द्वारा आबद्ध विद्युत संयंत्रों की स्थापना किए जाने के संबंध में कार्यकारी दल की रिपोर्ट पर विचार कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया गया है; और

(ग) निजी औद्योगिक एककों को किन शर्तों के अधीन देश में विद्युत संयंत्र स्थापित करने की स्वीकृति दी जाएगी?